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Weather Extremes Cause Uncertainty

Growing conditions were generally dry through much of June, but torrential rains at month's end halted harvest and created uncertainty regarding crop yields and quality.

Maryland: Based on July 1 conditions, barley is expected to yield 86 bushels per acre from 36,000 acres harvested. Yield is the same as last year, but harvested acreage is down 5,000 acres. Wheat is expected to yield 58 bushels per acre, down from 66 bushels last year. Harvested acreage declined 10,000 acres from last year to 130,000 acres. According to the Crop Weather Report for the week ending July 3, winter wheat harvest was 37 percent complete and barley harvest was virtually complete. Potato yields are estimated at 240 cwt. per acre, down from 260 cwt. last year. Wet fields are causing yield and quality concerns for potato producers. Peach production is expected to total 3,800 tons, down 10 percent from last year.

Delaware: Barley producers expect to harvest 24,000 acres of barley with an average yield of 78 bushels per acre. Yield is down 3 bushels from last year. Production is estimated at 1.9 million bushels, down from 2.2 million bushels last year. Yield for winter wheat is estimated at 53 bushels per acre, down from 70 bushels per acre last year. With 47,000 acres expected to be harvested, total production is estimated at 2.49 million bushels, down from 3.57 million bushels harvested in 2005. Potato growers expect to harvest 3,000 acres, with production expected to total 720,000 cwt.

United States: Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels. This is up 1 percent from last month but 15 percent below 2005. The U.S. yield is forecast at 41.1 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month but down 3.3 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain totals 31.1 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2006, but down 8 percent from last year.

Barley production is forecast at 189.6 million bushels, down 10 percent from 2005.

ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION 2005 AND 2006

| Commodity | Unit | Planted | | Harvested | | Average Yield | | Production | |
|-------------------|------|-------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------------|------|------------|-------|
| | | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Maryland | | 1,000 Acres | | | | 1,000 | | | |
| Corn ¹ | ACR | 470 | 480 | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Corn Grain | BU | ---- | ---- | 400 | 400 | 135 | ---- | 54,000 | ---- |
| Corn Silage | TON | ---- | ---- | 65 | ---- | 17 | ---- | 1,105 | ---- |
| Soybeans | BU | 480 | 450 | 470 | 440 | 34 | ---- | 15,980 | ---- |
| Winter Wheat | BU | 155 | 200 | 140 | 130 | 66 | 58 | 9,240 | 7,540 |
| Barley | BU | 46 | 52 | 41 | 36 | 86 | 86 | 3,526 | 3,096 |
| All Hay | TON | ---- | ---- | 190 | 200 | 2.79 | ---- | 531 | ---- |
| Alfalfa Hay | TON | ---- | ---- | 40 | 40 | 3.90 | ---- | 156 | ---- |
| Other Hay | TON | ---- | ---- | 150 | 160 | 2.50 | ---- | 375 | ---- |
| Apples | LBS | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | 41,000 | ---- |
| Peaches | TON | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | 4.2 | 3.8 |
| Potatoes, Summer | CWT | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 260 | 240 | 884 | 960 |
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| Delaware | | | | | | | | | |
| Corn ¹ | ACR | 160 | 165 | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Corn Grain | BU | ---- | ---- | 154 | 155 | 143 | ---- | 22,022 | ---- |
| Corn Silage | TON | ---- | ---- | 5 | ---- | 19 | ---- | 95 | ---- |
| Soybeans | BU | 185 | 180 | 182 | 178 | 26 | ---- | 4,732 | ---- |
| Winter Wheat | BU | 52 | 48 | 51 | 47 | 70 | 53 | 3,570 | 2,491 |
| Barley | BU | 29 | 27 | 27 | 24 | 81 | 78 | 2,187 | 1,872 |
| All Hay | TON | ---- | ---- | 14 | 13 | 2.79 | ---- | 39 | ---- |
| Alfalfa Hay | TON | ---- | ---- | 5 | 4 | 3.60 | ---- | 18 | ---- |
| Other Hay | TON | ---- | ---- | 9 | 9 | 2.30 | ---- | 21 | ---- |
| Potatoes, Summer | CWT | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 260 | 240 | 806 | 720 |
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| United States | | | | | | | | 1,000,000 | |
| Corn ¹ | ACR | 81,759 | 79,366 | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Corn Grain | BU | ---- | ---- | 75,107 | 72,091 | 148 | ---- | 11,112 | ---- |
| Corn Silage | TON | ---- | ---- | 5,920 | ---- | 18 | ---- | 106 | ---- |
| Soybeans | BU | 72,142 | 74,930 | 71,361 | 73,935 | 43 | ---- | 3,086 | ---- |
| Wheat, Winter | BU | 40,433 | 41,393 | 33,794 | 31,108 | 44 | 41 | 1,499 | 1,280 |
| Barley | BU | 3,875 | 3,496 | 3,269 | 2,990 | 65 | 63 | 212 | 190 |
| All Hay | TON | ---- | ---- | 61,649 | 62,697 | 2.44 | ---- | 151 | ---- |
| Alfalfa Hay | TON | ---- | ---- | 22,389 | 22,407 | 3.38 | ---- | 76 | ---- |
| Other Hay | TON | ---- | ---- | 39,260 | 40,290 | 1.91 | ---- | 75 | ---- |
| Apples | LBS | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | 9,870 | ---- |
| Peaches | TON | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | 1.18 | 1.05 |
| Potatoes, Summer | CWT | 53.4 | 58.7 | 51.4 | 56.8 | 342 | 330 | 17.6 | 18.7 |

1 Acres planted for all purposes.